

BELMONT COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 12, 2005

Present Hildy Dvorak, Ethel Hamann, Neil Hegarty, Jack Kantor, Henry Kazarian, Anne Lougée, Nava Niv-Vogel, Ann Rittenburg, and Joel Semuels

Absent John Brusch, Barbara Miranda, Phyl Solomon

Neil Hegarty (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes – The minutes of the July 5, 2005 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

General Announcements

- Neil reported that the “Welcome to Belmont” event recently held at the high school was well attended. The architect’s model of the new Senior Center was on display and many attendees were interested in learning about COA programs as well as the new building project. There are plans for a large sign (funded by the Belmont Elderly Citizens, Inc.) to be erected on the former Kendall School property identifying it as the site of the new Senior Center.
- There are no plans for the COA to make a presentation to Town Meeting members at the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The designation of funds from the possible sale of town-owned property on Woodfall Road for the construction of the new Senior Center is among the issues to be discussed.
- The Archdiocese has notified the town that, due to a pending appeal before the Vatican to re-open Our Lady of Mercy, the COA’s lease cannot be extended beyond its May 2006 expiration. Tom Younger and Nava will meet to discuss the use of the town-owned trailers at the High School.

Springwell Report – Neil reported that there was a slight increase in the Elder Affairs budget this year. The additional money is expected to be used to pay higher wages to case managers.

Director’s Report -- Additions to the attached report:

- Clarification is still needed from the town regarding the supervision of the part-time custodial position supported in the current COA budget. On behalf of the Board, Neil Hegarty and Henry Kazarian plan to contact Tom Younger to ask for a speedy resolution of the issue so that the position can be filled.
- The twice-weekly swim program has experienced several last-minute cancellations in recent weeks because life guards have failed to arrive, justifiably angering would-be swimmers. Given the difficulty of monitoring this off-site program, as well as the complexity of coordinating life guard coverage with the HS Community Service Program coordinator, the Recreation and the Athletics Departments, Nava suggested that it might be best to transfer this program to the Recreation Dept.

Old Business

Friends fundraising activities: Anne Lougée reported on several upcoming fundraising activities. A bumper-sticker publicity campaign will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> and continue for 3

weeks. Belmont resident Al Natale and his orchestra will perform a swing concert at the Chenery auditorium on the evening of October 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Belmont Drama Club will hold a Mystery Play and Tea on Sunday afternoon, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Professional development for the Board – Legal issues and mortgage/banking practices that affect the elderly, as well as social services available to seniors, were among the topics suggested for coverage at future Board meetings. Phyl Solomon and Anne Lougée will be scheduling speakers for upcoming meetings.

Chronic Disease Self-Management – Joel Semuels and Ethel Hamann met with Dr.Schreiber on July 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the COA’s participation in his Chronic Disease Self-Management program. Brookline, Andover, and Beverly are among area communities currently involved in the program. The COA will be back in touch with Dr. Schreiber in October or November to establish a spring start date. Joel reported that potential costs to the COA would be a \$500 licensing fee, a materials fee of \$35-40 per participant, and some cost for trainers.

### New Business

Nominations: The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for vote at next month’s meeting:

Chair	Neil Hegarty
Vice-Chair	Barbara Miranda
Treasurer	Joseph Horner
Secretary (rotating)	John Brusch
	Anne Lougée
	Joel Semuels
	Phyl Solomon

The next COA Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17th, at 7:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lougée